

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-12, 14, and 16-17 are now pending in the application. Claims 12, 14 and 16-17 have been allowed. Claim 5 is objected to; and Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-11 stand rejected. Claim 5 has been cancelled, and Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application, drawings and claims as originally filed and, as such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 & § 103

Claims 1, 4 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Leon (EP Publ. No. 0 569 297). Claims 2, 6 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leon. In view of the amendments and arguments herein, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to Claim 1 which has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 5. In this regard, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation "wherein on both sides of each of the partitions are two or more vertically offset latching fingers disposed therein." Applicant respectfully submits that none of the references cited teach this limitation. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-11 are in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 12, 14 and 16-17.

The Examiner states that Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the amendments made herein and the arguments set forth above, it is believed that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

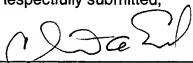
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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